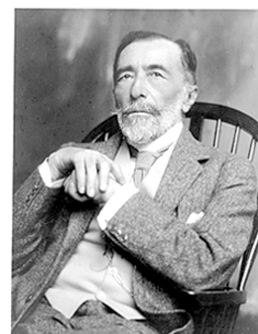


## HEART OF DARKNESS

by Joseph Conrad (1857-1924)

Set in a time of oppressive colonization, when large areas of the world were still unknown to Europe, and Africa was literally on maps and minds as a mysterious shadow, *Heart of Darkness*, published in 1899, famously explores the rituals of civilization and barbarism, and the frighteningly fine line between them.



Joseph Conrad

Based on Conrad's own experience in the Belgian Congo, the novella recounts the journey of Marlowe, employee of a Belgian commercial interest, up the Congo River in search of "The Company's" most successful agent, Kurtz. As Marlowe penetrates the heart of colonial Africa, he witnesses the nightmarish brutality of imperialism and the evil that can inhabit the human soul.

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